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B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S. : 705/40, 60, 62, 401, 408,410		
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